

date customer list and route schedule for the enforcement officer.

Turning to other matters, County Attorney Fuller advised the commission to deny the \$5 million claim filed against the county by Carol McCrady.

Mrs. McCrady is the mother of Eileen Meredith McCrady who was killed during a hostage situation in an Enterprise shopping center on September 21, 1993.

In advising the commissioners to disallow the claim, Fuller stated, "The county had no jurisdiction and no liability in that case; therefore, I recommend that the claim be denied."

The commission voted unanimously to deny the McCrady claim.

County Engineer Mark Pool reported that the county's work on the Kinston Recreation Park Project was nearing completion.

He estimated that the work should be finished by the end of January. To date, the county has spent \$3,112.24 for labor and fuel on this project. Commissioners had approved the expenditure of up to \$10,000 for the project.

Commissioner Sid Averett made a motion to accept the proposal made in the Dec. 28th meeting to the commission by Kenneth Ball, administrator of the County Health Department.

The proposal was to construct a 4600 square foot addition to the present health facility.

Also included in Averett's motion was to allow the County Health Department to use, temporarily, the mobile home belonging to the county.

Funding will be provided for the construction through bonds. The State of Alabama will make lease payments to the county which will in turn be used to pay off the bonds.

Averett's motion was approved by the commission.

Other construction approved by the commission was a 400 square foot addition to the District Attorney's office in Enterprise.

The only cost to the county on this project will be labor.

No action was taken on the Enterprise Courthouse. The commission is

awaiting an updated inspection report from the State Fire Marshal's office.

Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:

***Pool asked that the Landfill Commission to review the hours of operation of the county landfill.

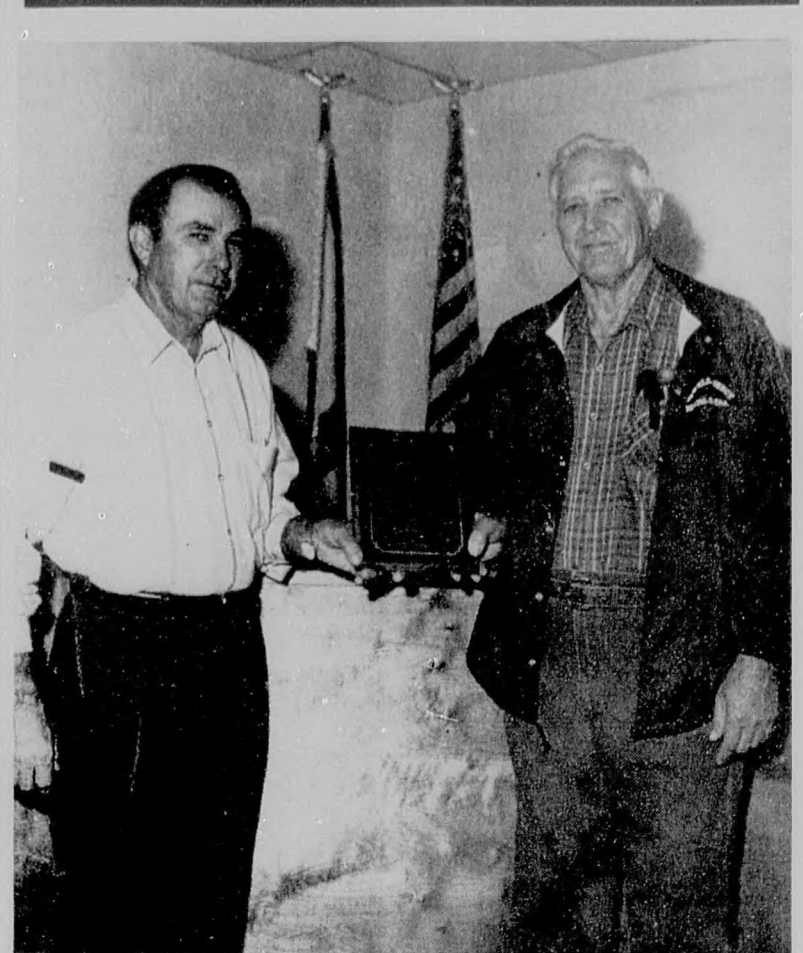
***Clarified that sick leave for county employees can be used in case of sickness by immediate family members as defined in the county's employee handbook.

***Molley informed commission members that the county's present debt limit (borrowing power) stood at approximately \$352,000.

***The commission voted to ask the Alabama Attorney General for an opinion on how the profits derived from the county's landfill can be used.



WINNERS PRESENTED WITH GAS GRILL...Picture above are Robbin Davis and her son, Ashton, accepting a gas grill from Jeff Puckett (left), superintendent of the Elba Electrical Department and Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood. Robin & Mark Davis were the winners of the Christmas Lights Contest held in December. The event was sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 37.



Rufus R. Wilson (left) is presented a plaque of appreciation by John D. Dalrymple, Chairperson of the Coffee County ASC Committee. This plaque is in recognition of Mr. Wilson's continued service to the Coffee County farming community for the last 40 plus years as a community committee man in his local administrative area. His tireless participation is greatly appreciated.



COMMISSIONER HONORED...Coffee County Commissioner Robert Stephens was honored by his peers during a recent commission meeting. He was presented with a resolution recognizing his dedicated service to the commission and Coffee County. Stephens served as commission chairman from 1992-93.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The Elba Clipper encourages its readers to express their comments and views in the form of Letters to the Editor. Letters should not contain libelous material and should be in good taste. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters for style and grammar. Letters should be signed - NO UNSIGNED LETTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED. A phone number should accompany the letter for the purpose of confirming the author of the letter (Phone numbers will not be printed with letters). Address letters to: Letters to the Editor, The Elba Clipper, P.O. Drawer A, Elba, AL 36323.

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La-Z-Boy - Contemporary Rocker Recliner (was 399.95).....	248.00
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Autrey - Southwestern Style Sofa & Loveseat (was 1299.95).....	695.00
La-Z-Boy - Queen Anne Reclining Wing Chair (was 599.95).....	345.00
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Tice - "Solid Wood" Matching China Cabinet (was 599.95).....	295.00
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Hart - 4 pc Bedroom Suite Hunter Green with Cherry Tops (was 799.95).....	378.00
Imperial-Butcher Block finish Table & 4 Hunter Green Chairs (was 399.95).....	227.00
Harden - Pine finish 4 Drawer Chests (was 89.95).....	44.00

APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS

Hotpoint - Heavy Duty Washer/Water & Temperature Control (was 499.95).....	NOW 375.00
Crosley - 19 cu. ft. Refrigerator/Glass Shelves & Ice Maker (was 899.95).....	695.00
RCA - 20" Color TV & Remote/Stereo & on Screen Programming (was 449.95).....	318.00
Hotpoint - Heavy Duty Dryer/Signal & Drying Selections (was 499.95).....	288.00
Crosley - 25" Color/Console TV with Remote (was 699.95).....	488.00
Crosley - 30" White Range with Broiler Drawer (was 449.95).....	288.00

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Trinity - 6' X 9' Oriental Rugs (was 149.95).....	68.00
Webb - "All Wood" Dark Pine 6-Gun Cabinet (was 599.95).....	295.00
Country Expression - "Solid Wood" Cedar Chest (was 299.95).....	175.00
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Elba's Evergreen Cemetery receives \$100,000 donation

by Ferrin Cox
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The City of Elba owned, Evergreen



A. L. ELLIS

green Perpetual Care Cemetery received a shot in the arm recently with the official notification that A. L. Ellis, of Tarpun Springs, FL, was donating \$100,000 to the trust fund.

This donation from Mr. Ellis will almost double the principal amount of the trust fund.

Committee members explained they get some donations throughout the year and a number of people have indicated they have named the fund to receive money from their estate upon their death.

The idea of a perpetual care cemetery was the brainchild of the late Mrs. Gladys Dorsey. She began the fund with a \$5,000 donation. Mrs. Dorsey died in 1971. The fund did not receive IRS tax exempt status until March 31, 1972. From that small beginning, the fund had grown to a balance of over \$100,000 before the donation by Ellis.

With the increase, the perpetual care fund is inching ever closer to having enough interest income to maintain and improve the cemetery

in the manner the public would like to see it maintained. Optional expense items on the wish list for the committee are opening additional land for burial plots and the possibility of constructing a fence around both existing sections of the existing cemetery.

The money will be given to the fund in increments of \$20,000 over a five year period.

Mr. Ellis, a retired bank executive, is a native of Elba and has several family members buried in the local cemetery. He informed the cemetery committee of his action through copies of an Ellis Foundation resolution and a letter to committee member and personal friend Jake Bonneau.

The committee accepted the money with gratitude. Their only regret was that Mr. Ellis was traveling and couldn't be in Elba to personally accept their thanks.

The interest from the trust fund is the only money received by the committee and is used to pay for mowing and other upkeep of the cemetery.



CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBERS are shown above as they officially accept a \$100,000 donation to the Perpetual Care Fund. The donation by Elba native A. L. Ellis will be paid over a five year period. Shown above are from left, seated: Caretaker Troy Gidson, Jake Bonneau, Chairman John W. Sharpless and D. M. English. Standing are Toisye Rhodes, Charlotte Clark, Doris Pinkard, Della Whitman, Lorene Sawyer and Ruth Mack.

Elba City Council discusses payroll tax

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council held a

meeting of the week on Thursday of last week. The city fathers spent the time discussing a need for additional funds and again made an offer to settle the Ricky Mulaz firing lawsuit.

Mayor Ricky Haywood opened this latest meeting by asking the city's bookkeeper, Murry Hardwick, to explain to council members the financial condition of the city.

Hardwick gave council members a three month budget comparison, using the proposed budget the council was considering in early October.

The comparison included the 14 sales tax increase proposed by Haywood. However, this tax wasn't imposed and Haywood expressed concern for ability to carry out the duties required of the city.

Hardwick said the three month comparison looked good, but this was helped largely by the extra infusion from the Water and Electric Board.

Council member Earl McCollough voiced a proposal for imposing a 12 city payroll tax. He noted this would get some people who work in Elba, used the streets, etc. and then take all their pay checks to other towns.

Haywood appointed a committee to study the proposal and report back to the council. McCollough, Bill Brunson and John W. Sharpless were appointed to the committee.

Juveniles arrested in burglaries

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

As reported in last week's edition of The Elba Clipper, the home of Mrs. Vera Hudson was burglarized on Sunday evening, January 9th.

The Hudson residence is located on North Clayton Ave. in Elba. Taken from the home were numerous items. The value of those items exceeded \$1,000.00.

On Thursday of last week, Elba Police, acting on information supplied to them, recovered all the property taken in the burglary.

Upon further investigation into the incident, two local juveniles were taken into custody and charged. The two were charged with burglary and theft of property.

Both juveniles were turned over to Coffee County juvenile authorities by Elba police officers.

In another incident, five juveniles from Elba were taken into custody by police and charged with eight counts of unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle. An additional

charge of burglary, one count, was placed against the youths.

Both the burglary and the breaking and entering, charges constitute a felony under Alabama law.

The arrests were made as a result of an investigation by the Elba police into the breaking into of several homes belonging to the Elba City School system.

Also broken into, at about the same time, was the residence of Clarence Taylor.

Both incidents were reported to the police on October 19, 1993.

Police are asking the courts to certify some of the juveniles to stand trial as an adult in the matter.

These juveniles were also turned over to the county's juvenile officers.

Elba's BOE meeting brief

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City School Board held a short meeting Thursday evening.

Board members heard Superintendent Charles Pearce report that the school's finances were in better condition than expected, due to an increase in sales tax and the previously reported increase in the minimum program from the state department.

In other business the board approved the permanent expulsion of a former female student. Pearce told board members she caused a fight in the school, hit a staff member and had to be restrained by police members of the administration. She was turned over to the Elba police and hasn't been back to the school, according to the superintendent. He said the family has been notified of the proposed action and hasn't indicated any desire to challenge the action.

The meeting ended with a discussion on the proposed Alabama education reform packages now being considered by the state legislature.

Brunson chairs insurance board

Coffee County Probate Judge Marion B. Brunson has been elected chairman of an insurance board of

trustees that provides coverage for county governments throughout Alabama.

The insurance program, the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama Self-Insured Liability Insurance Program, is governed by a board of trustees composed of county officials from throughout the state.

This board gives participating counties a voice in the operation of the program, including its coverage, exclusions and other matters.

As chairman, Judge Brunson will preside over the board's meetings and serve as chairman of the organization.

Judge Brunson has been a very active member of the board and his leadership will help insure the program's growth," said Buddy Sharpless, executive director of the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama.

Currently the program provides liability insurance coverage for some 30 counties throughout the state.

In southeast Alabama, participating counties include Butler, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston.

Conviction of drug-related crimes could cause suspension of driver's license

As of January 1, 1994, conviction for certain drug-related crimes carries a six-month driver's license suspension in addition to any other penalties provided by the law.

Act 93-352 of the 1993 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature provides for suspension of driver's license of any person, including juveniles, convicted or adjudicated based on the following offenses:

"Criminal solicitation to commit a controlled substance crime; attempt to commit a controlled substance crime; criminal conspiracy to commit a controlled substance crime; unlawful distribution of controlled substances; unlawful possession or receipt of controlled substances; unlawful possession

of marijuana in the first degree; unlawful possession of marijuana in the second degree; sale or furnishing of controlled substances by persons over age 18 to persons under age 18; trafficking in specified substances; and driving under the influence of a controlled substance and alcohol."

The Alabama Department of Public Safety will issue a suspension notice after notification of the conviction is received from the courts.

Following the suspension period, applicants for reinstatement must pay a \$25 fee in addition to the regular \$50 or \$100 reinstatement fee now required.

Sheriff Paul will not seek re-election

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Coffee County Sheriff Brice Paul announced Monday that he will not be a candidate for re-election this year. He read from a prepared statement at the 2 p.m. press conference in the sheriff's office and then freely fielded question from the press.

He said that after four terms (15 years) in the job he felt it was time to move on to something else. He explained that he wanted to spend more time with his family and also felt that at age 43, he was marketable for other positions that would give him this additional time with his family.

Paul was first appointed to the office in 1979 following the March 1st killing of then Sheriff Neil Grant. At the time he was working in the District Attorney's office.

Financially he said he was qualified for a National Guard pension at age 60, was vested in the Sheriff's retirement fund. Paul said he was now ready to do something else which would be equally rewarding to him both personally and financially.

He was asked what was the one moment (or experience) that stood out most to him from his 15 years service.

The sheriff, who stepped into a void caused by the killing of his predecessor,



SHERIFF PAUL

Paul said he would not be endorsing anyone as his replacement. "That is for the voters of Coffee County to decide," he said with conviction.

The sheriff did add that he felt it should be someone with three things including: a strong character and moral factor - someone who can be honest and stay clean; experienced, managing a budget exceeding a million dollars; the person elected must be willing to work to put in the time necessary to learn the managerial skills to get the job done. In addition to enforcing the law, deputies serve 18,000 to 20,000 civil papers throughout the county each year.

"Law enforcement has gotten more violent in the last five years, and who knows where it is going in the next five," Paul said. He added that for most of his career he never owned a bullet proof vest, nor a machine gun. Now he has them both.

When asked about his family's reaction to his decision, he said they had mixed emotions. He added that it takes a unique woman to live with someone who is in the sheriff's office and Linda is a wonderful woman.

** HAPPENINGS **

CHAMBER BANQUET The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on Friday, January 28, 1994. Tickets may be obtained from the Chamber office or from any Chamber member. The tickets are \$15.00 each. Dr. Jerry Patterson from more information, call the Chamber office at 897-3125.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting 9:00 a.m. Monday, January 24, at the Farm Center complex in New Brockton.

ANNUAL SALES The Kinston High School Yearbook Staff announces that the 1994 KINSTONIAN will be on sale February 4, 7, and 8. The cost will be \$20. For more information, contact Amelia Rhoades at KHS at (205) 565-3111.

PROJECT SHARE The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross is participating in administering Project SHARE, an emergency assistance program for the handicapped, disabled and the elderly. A Red Cross caseworker will be at the Elba City Hall each Wednesday to help with applications for assistance. For more info about appointments or the program, call the Chapter's office at 347-2461.

Social Notes

Miss Maddox To Wed Mr. Danker In April

Merri Jill Maddox and John Christian Danker announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Jill is the daughter of Ms. Patricia Galloway Maddox of Elba. She is a 1987 graduate of Elba High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of Alabama College of Communications, where she earned a B.A. degree in Public Relations/Marketing. She is employed as the Special Events Coordinator for the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital in Mobile.

Chris is the son of John Danker of Miami, Florida and Isabel Vilchik of Coral Gables, Florida. He is a 1987 graduate of South Miami High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Alabama College of Human Environmental Sciences, where he earned a B.S. degree in Hotel/Restaurant Management. He is employed as the Assistant Manager of L&N Seafood Restaurant in Mobile.

The wedding will take place April 16 at Bellinagh Gardens in Mobile. Close friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Cavelle Hart Is On TSUD President's Graduate Honor List

Troy State University at Dothan President Thomas Harrison has named students to the 1993 Fall Quarter President's Graduate Honor List. To qualify for this academic honor, a graduate student must receive a grade point average of 4.0 (all A's) on a minimum of 10 quarter hours of coursework.

Cavelle M. Hart of Elba was named to the President's Graduate Honor List for the 1993 Fall Quarter.



Miss Merri Jill Maddox

Senior Citizens Of Cordelia Street Meet

In honor of the 80th Birthday of Gladys Carr the family request the pleasure of your company at a reception on Sunday, the 30th of January, 1994, from 2:00 until 3:30 in the afternoon in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Please omit gifts.

When the Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met for their weekly meeting at the HRDC building on Factory Street on January 13, there was a lot of empty spaces because so many of our members were out with the flu or colds and the weather wasn't very cooperative. We kept forgetting it was still winter time. Members just visited and played dominoes. All those who were absent were missed in a huge way. Do hope they will be able to be with us again. A delicious lunch was served to the following: Aileen English, Mary Suley, Myrl Burkett, Iris McDowell, Tony Aluria, Marion Brunson, Irvin Blackman, Cora McBride, M. Boling, and Wanda Sasser.

To complement these special meetings and briefings, Jennifer will participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities. In one activity, *Foreign Policy and the President*, students role-play the President and members of the *Mock Congress on National Service*, in which students assume the roles of United States Representatives by debating, amending, and voting on proposed service legislation.

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, the Council is committed to "fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential." Over 300 members of the Council's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. Each year, more than 7,000 outstanding young national youth participate in one of 20 sessions of the National Young Leaders Conference.

"The conference provides the opportunity for students, like Jennifer, to distinguish themselves as tomorrow's leaders," said John Hines, Council Executive Director. "Students not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital; they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."

Mrs. Jared Presents Program On Ola West At Elba Study Club

The January 5 meeting of the Elba Study Club was held at the home of the hostess, Mrs. Ed Cooper. The meeting was attended by Mrs. M. O. Bruckner, Mrs. Richard Hobson, Mrs. Dorell Hudson, Mrs. P. H. Sellers, Mrs. Melvin Senn, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, and Mrs. W. F. Jarc.

Mrs. Jared presented the program telling about her recent trip to Tombstone, Arizona, and in doing so,

shared pictures, poems, and tales about the old west in the days when Tombstone was thriving. An annual western parade was held while she was there.

During December, the Elba Study Club sent a donation to the Burn Unit at Children's Hospital in Birmingham and a poinsettia for the nursing home.

The meeting was closed with the Collect.

Coffee County Arts Alliance To Present "The Elvir Of Love" January 25th In Enterprise

The Coffee County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce the second event of its 20th season. Entertaining, exciting, and easy-to-understand opera in English will be heard at Enterprise High School Auditorium on January 25, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. The offering is a comic operatic masterpiece, Donizetti's "The Elvir Of Love," and will be performed in English by the National Opera Company. The plot concerns the romance of a fickle and wealthy lass and an innocent peasant lad. A triangle develops with the arrival in the village of a dashing, but conceited recruiting sergeant. Hoping to win the heart of his true love, the poor peasant lad spends his last cent on a fast-singing traveling salesman's "love potion."

The amusing situations that arise from the clever plot and diversity of characters inspired Donizetti to write some of his brightest tunes as well as a number of his most haunting serious melodies. Do not miss this opportunity to enjoy an evening of delightful entertainment presented by highly professional and talented troupe of young singing artists. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at the following outlets: In Enterprise at Weagate Book and Gift, The Framery, and Plain 'N' Fancy; in Elba at the Jewel Box; and the TTK at Ft. Rucker.

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With joy and thanksgiving, Chip and Billye Kee of Wheaton, Illinois proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Krista Noel on December 30, 1993. She weighed 8 lbs. 1/2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Her grandmother, Sybil Juanita Scott, shared in this joyous arrival.

Birth Announcement

Thinking of you, praying for you, Miss Bobbie Anderson, Mr. Thomas Jones, Mrs. Ida Davis, Mrs. Brenda Rider, Mr. Durwood Bullard, Mrs. Pearl Tills, Miss Jana Kelley.

Big Gospel Singing

A Big Gospel Singing will be held at the Enterprise Civic Center, Crawford Street, Enterprise, AL on January 30, 1994 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Groups featured will be: The Henry County Male Chorus of Abbeville, AL; The Flying Clouds of Brundidge, AL; Willie Lawrence/The Spiritual Five of Eufula, AL; The Female Chorus of Headland, AL; The Voices of Harmony of Clayton, AL; The Chosen Prophets of Clayton, AL; Johnny Green and the Messengers of Enterprise, AL.

Special guests will be Heavenly Voices of Ashford, AL; Gospel Express of Ashford, AL; and Rev. Charles Davis/The Bright Clouds of Clayton, AL.

The singing is sponsored by The Singing Echoes of New Brockton, AL; The Mistress of Ceremony will be Gene Caldwell.

Admission is \$4.00. Children 6-12 \$2.00.

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Views From

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The flu bug made its way to the Mularz house last week and bit both Melanie and Melissa, but we fought back with a lineup of medicine, Tylenol and Gatorade, and by the end of the week had won the battle. Melanie did miss a couple of days of daycare and had to make a trip to the emergency room one night, but she bounced back quickly, while Melissa began taking medicine as soon as Melanie got sick and battled the bug without even missing a day of school. I know the dreaded bug will try to get back in before the cold weather ends; however, at least we won round one!

ELBA TIGERS CLAIM IMPORTANT AREA 4 WIN

The Elba Tigers began Area 4 action Friday night against the Luverne Tigers and got an early leg up on another area championship as they whipped the visitors 57-53. The win improved Elba's record to 5-6, 1-0 in area play, and with the next three games all being area contests, got the Tigers off to a much-needed fast start in their quest to host the area tournament.

Elba's David Yelverton was ready to play from the opening tip against Luverne as he scored 14 points in the opening stanza, and by the end of the half had 22 points, despite having to play much of the second quarter with three fouls. Yelverton's points came from all over the court as he hit a three-pointer to open the game, hit numerous short jumpers, scored from the free-throw line and ended the half with a thunderous reverse slam dunk. Yelverton has been one of the area's top players for three years and this year is without a doubt one of the best kept secrets in the state.

Yelverton's big night was a key to the Tigers' victory, however, just as important was the play of sophomores Brian Rowe and Leray Smedley. The youngsters were forced into action when pointguard Roscoe Coleman was injured early in the game, and both made huge contributions as Elba held on down the stretch. Rowe scored 8 points off the bench, and hit two free-throws late in the game to keep the Tigers on top, while Smedley added 5 points and also hit a crucial free-throw with only seconds left on the clock. The play of the two sophomores was critical to the Tigers' success, and should make the team a more confident one in the important area games this week.

Elba's Coach Curtis Lane knew the Tigers' record would suffer from a rugged early season schedule and knew that it would take a while for his young team to get experience, but he was patient with his team and now has developed it into a very good 3A club. The record may be nowhere close to that of last year's squad, but Coach Lane has done his usual excellent job of coaching and now has his team ready to make a run at another area title.

BRANTLEY ROLLS, COUNTY TEAMS STUMBLE

The high school basketball season continued to roll along last week, at least for the Brantley Bulldogs, who claimed two more wins to up their record to 13-0 and remained the state's #1 ranked 1A team. The county teams didn't enjoy as much success; however, and are trying to figure out what went wrong. Here's a quick look back...

BRANTLEY (13-0) had no trouble at all as it improved its record to 13-0. The Bulldogs are loaded with quality players and can wear down teams in any class, but will need all the players on their roster this week as they play five games in six days, including four games on the road. If Brantley comes out of this busy week undefeated, watch out.

NEW BROCKTON (6-5) and 1-1 on the week, but the Gamecocks' offense failed to show up for either game, and all of the sudden the Gamecocks look like anything but a basketball power. New Brockton started fast this season and used its quickness to score a bunch of points, but in recent weeks the pace has slowed and the points have dropped. Unless New Brockton figures out which style it wants to play pretty soon, the season could come to a disappointing end.

KINSTON (6-6) got off to a fast start and had its fans dreaming of a big season, but the Bulldogs have hit a bump in the road and last week fell to 6-7, the first time this season the Bulldogs haven't been above the .500 mark. The Bulldogs have a very quick team that plays well defensively; however, when the shots aren't falling from the outside the Bulldogs struggle. Kinston has already proven it can win, it just has to get back to work and regain its confidence.

ZION CHAPEL (4-7) continued to struggle with a pair of lopsided losses and it looks like the Rebels are definitely not going in the right direction. The Rebels do have some talent and have had chances to win a few more games than they have, but the Rebs just don't know how to win and it shows. Maybe something good will happen soon and ZC will get a much needed spark.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

***Alabama fans all over the nation should be convinced that Crimson Tide officials are dedicated to winning this week after the announcement that Homer Smith will take over the Tide offense. Many fans were openly critical of Mad Moore's coaching skills over the past two years, even in the Tide's championship season, and it looks like the Tide officials were in agreement. Smith made the Alabama offense one of the nation's best a couple of years ago and may be as good an offensive coach as Bill Oliver is on the defensive side. Alabama may now have one of the best coaching staffs in college football!

***Maybe the change at Alabama last week will carry over to the basketball court and both Alabama and Auburn will begin hunting for new basketball coaches. David Hobbs may be a head assistant, but his head coaching skills are obviously lacking, and Tommy Joe Eagles has done absolutely nothing for Auburn during his tenure on the plains. Both schools should be powers in basketball and maybe the time has come for changes at the top.

***The last of the high school football "All-Star" teams was released last week and it seems pretty clear that they didn't save the best for last. The *Dorian Eagle's* sports staff honored its "Super 12" high school players in 1A-3A and 4A-6A, and even though all the players were from the Wiregrass area, the Elba Tigers failed to land even one player on the honored list. Reboeth, Geneva and Geneva County all had two players on the list, while players from Slocomb, Houston Academy, Arton, Coffee Springs, Houston County and Abbeville Christian rounded out the dozen. I'll admit that a 7-5 record isn't one the Tigers brag about, but Elba did make it to the third round of the state playoffs and once again were the top 3A team in this part of the state. Without any top notch players, maybe the 7-5 season was better than thought.

***I'm not much of a pro football fan, but I'll have to admit that I have been watching the playoffs and have enjoyed the games. The wild card games in week #1 were all very good games, and last week's Bills-Raiders game was exciting, even for someone in Alabama. I didn't watch over two of three games total during the regular season and didn't miss a thing. However, the playoffs are a whole new ballgame and one I am enjoying watching.

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Sports

Claim win in opening Area 4 battle

Elba Tigers trip Luverne 57-53

The Elba Tigers pulled out to a big first half lead and held on late to dump the Luverne Tigers 57-53, Friday night in Elba.

The win improved Elba's record to 5-6, 1-0 in Area 4 action, while Luverne saw its record slip to 5-6, 1-1 in Area 4 competition.

The Tigers came out ready to play against their arch-rivals and behind the shooting of David Yelverton jumped out to an 18-11 advantage. Yelverton, a 6'3" senior, hit 10 straight points during one stretch in the stanza and closed the quarter with 14 of the Tigers' 18 points!

Yelverton picked up his third foul only a minute into the second quarter, but remained in the game as Elba remained in control and took a big 33-21 lead into the dressing room at halftime.

Elba's lead grew to as many as 13 points in the third stanza as the Tigers appeared ready to run away with the win; however, the Tigers began to get in foul trouble midway through the quarter and Luverne took advantage of the Tigers' problems to cut the lead to 42-33 by the end of the stanza.

Luverne cut the Elba lead to 51-48 with 2:34 left in the game and it looked like the Tigers' were in trouble, but the Tigers regained command when Brian Rowe hit a pair of free-throws with 1:51 left. Elba was back in control 55-48 and

the Tigers held on for the important Area win.

David Yelverton scored 26 points, 22 in the first half, and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Elba, while Morris scored 16 for Luverne.

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Elba (57): Vaughan 6, Yelverton 26, Smedley 5, Howe 4, Magwood 8, Rowe 8.
Luverne (53): Hill 3, Bodiford 8, Penn 6, Jones 13, Morris 16, Stroud 2, Mallord 5.

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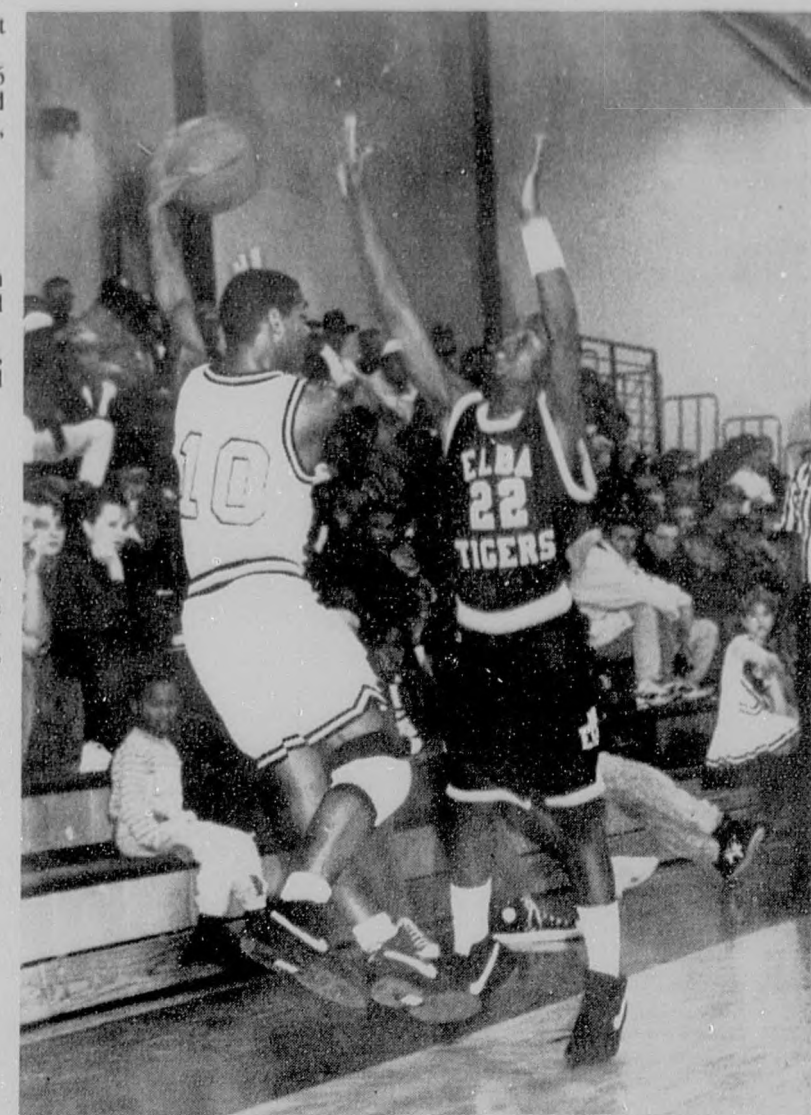
The Elba B team saw its record slip to 4-2 as it lost to Luverne 47-43.

The Tigers fell behind 12-6 early in the game and trailed 22-16 at the half, but rallied and outscored Luverne 13-3 in the third quarter to grab a 29-25 advantage, only to fall late in the game.

D'undray Peterson scored 10 points to lead Elba.

Luverne (47): Willis 6, Battle 20, Freeman 3, Smith 8, Jones 5, Parks 5.

Elba (43): Daniels 7, Tittis 6, Williams 8, Kyles 3, Reed 8, Peterson 10.



Bowdoin leads Kinston 8th graders to crown in Samson tournament

The Kinston 8th grade Bulldogs rolled to two easy wins last weekend to claim the championship of the Samson 8th Grade Basketball Tournament.

Kinston opened the tournament with a 35-26 win over Geneva, led

by the 16-point performance of Alan Bowdoin, then clattered Samson 37-19 in the championship game, as Bowdoin scored 10 points and Bo Nobles added 8.

The wins improved Kinston's record for the season to 11-3.

Zion Chapel 7th graders place 2nd in Samson basketball tournament

The Zion Chapel 7th grade Rebels lost to Arton 48-42 in the championship game of the Samson 7th Grade Basketball Tournament.

Luke Grantham scored 16 points to spark the Rebels to the second place finish, while Bradley Crenshaw scored 18 for Arton.

Roundball Roundup

Brantley Bulldogs mangle McKenzie 92-67

The Brantley Bulldogs improved their record to 12-0 last Monday night with a lopsided 92-67 win over the McKenzie Tigers, in Brantley.

Derek Caldwell scored 22 points to lead the top-ranked Bulldogs, while

Derek Crenshaw added 16, Jimmy Burnett 15 and Austin Cauley 14. Willie Womack led McKenzie with 23 points.

New Brockton eases past Cottonwood 63-53

The New Brockton Gamecocks remained in the hunt for the area title as they ripped the Cottonwood Bears 63-53, last Tuesday night in New Brockton.

Mark Brown scored 17 points and Mitchell Truitt added 14 for the 8-4 Gamecocks, while Charles Coachman led the Bears with 17 points.

Zion Chapel falls to Coffee Springs 69-51

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their record slip to 1-6 last Tuesday night as they fell hard to the Coffee Springs Golden Bears 69-51, at Coffee Springs.

Chris Hodge scored 15 points and Napoleon Smith added 14 for the Rebels, while Tony Simmons scored 20 for Coffee Springs.

Kinston Bulldogs caged by Goshen Eagles 58-41

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their record slip to 6-6 last Tuesday night when the Goshen Eagles came to town and claimed a big 58-41 win.

Tracy Hall and Anthony Davis both scored 12 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Damien Maddox scored 23 for Goshen.

Brantley Bulldogs storm past Pl. Home 89-49

The Brantley Bulldogs had no trouble Friday night as they pounded the Pleasant Home Eagles 89-49, in Brantley.

Adrian Person scored 24 points to spark the 13-0 Bulldogs, while Jimmy Burnett added 18 and Andrei Daniels scored 13.

Zion Chapel falls to Houston Academy 70-46

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their record fall to 1-7 Friday night when they lost to the Houston Academy Raiders 70-46, at Zion Chapel.

Courtney Moran scored 8 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Rosemond Todd scored 21 for Houston Academy.

ZC Lady Rebels fall to Houston Academy 39-20

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a 39-20 decision to the Houston Academy Lady Raiders, Friday night at Zion Chapel.

Courtney Moran scored 8 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Rosemond Todd scored 21 for Houston Academy.

New Brockton ambushed in Goshen 63-43

The New Brockton Gamecocks were upset Friday night in Goshen as the Eagles posted a big 63-43 win.

Damien Maddox scored 27 points and Brandon Faulkner added 11 for Goshen.

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COFFEE COUNTY DELEGATES. These Coffee County residents were among the members of the Coffee County Farmers Federation who attended the Alabama Farmers Federation 72nd annual meeting in Mobile. About 1,500 farmers from every county in the state attended the convention, which kicked off December 5 with a forum in which six of the seven announced candidates in the 1994 gubernatorial race presented their views on education reform, taxes, legalized gambling and the Mercedes-Benz incentive package. The meeting concluded December 6 with the Miss Alabama Agriculture Pageant, in which 19-year old Heather Simson of Elba was chosen from a field of 47 contestants as Miss Alabama Agriculture 1994.

Dan Presley, County Agent Coordinator

17th Annual Open House To Be Held At AU College Of Veterinary Medicine On April 30th

The loveliest village on the plains and their owners. Kicker 99.7 will be especially beautiful in the spring when the sun shines bright in a big blue sky and flowers bloom all over town. You are invited to enjoy a spring day at Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine as we open our doors for the 17th annual Open House on April 30, 1994.

Open House is a wonderful opportunity for animal lovers, science enthusiasts, and anyone interested in veterinary medicine to tour the college, meet the faculty, staff, and students, and participate in a variety of programs and presentations by groups like the Southeastern Raptor Rehabilitation Center, the Birmingham Zoo, and Southeastern Guide Dogs. Tours, exhibits, and programs will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will continue until 4:00 p.m. Young children will especially enjoy Teddy Bear Surgery where they can have their "injured" stuffed animals repaired, the petting zoo, balloons, and refreshments, while older students can obtain valuable information about the field of veterinary medicine and the college's degree programs and catch a glimpse of veterinary medicine school at the many scientific exhibits that will highlight this year's Open House. Bring your dog to the second annual Doggie Dash, a one-mile fun run for dogs (on leashes, of course).

GED Preparation Offered At MacArthur Tech.

The Success Center at MacArthur State Technical College will be open on Tuesdays from 3:30 until 8 p.m. to allow you to prepare for the GED examination or to enhance your basic skills. An instructor will be available to assist you in your study. There is no charge for these services. For more information concerning GED preparation, please call 495-3573, ext. 241.

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Facts On Feeding The Lactating Brood Cow

Feeding any animal that is nursing young requires more energy and more protein. They require an overall elevated stage of nutrition as compared to when they are only dry and pregnant.

A dry, pregnant, mature cow needs slightly less than 6% protein and 50% energy. A lactating brood cow nursing a calf needs at least 9% protein and at least 57% energy to meet the needs of that young calf and her own body. This is particularly true in the first three to four months after the calf is born. Once the calf is alive, nursing, and walking around, the mother cow has two jobs. The first is to raise this calf to be as heavy as it possibly can at the time the farmer chooses to sell it. This will in turn increase overall net profit. The second job she does is within the first couple of months after she calves, she must breed back and settle with the calf for the following year. To do this her body condition must be at a proper level. It has been determined through great deal of research that the amount of energy in a feed and the body condition of a cow affects her ability to breed back. This is even more important than the protein she receives. They are all important but if she is going to become pregnant again while she is nursing a calf, she needs to have an elevated body condition and be on the proper energy level within her feed.

There are several feeds that can be fed free choice to a lactating brood cow which will more than meet her needs. Oats, or what some people call whole oats, can be fed free choice. They are usually 70% energy and 14% protein. Whole cottonseed has been shown to give no problems fed free choice. The theory is that there is so much fat in the whole cottonseed that the cows will only consume what they need. Whole cottonseed is 98% energy and 25% protein. This should be fed along with a good quality hay. Winter grazing, of course, can be fed free choice and on the average, ryegrass, oats and other green winter grazing will be around 69% energy

and 28% protein.

Whole corn can be fed to lactating brood cows but not on a free choice basis. This is a quick way to founder a cow and even possibly kill one if corn is fed free choice. However, if you are short of winter grazing and you have plenty of hay, you can feed either good quality bahia or coastal hay on a free choice basis and limit feed lactating brood cows coming feeding whole cottonseed, with 5 pounds of whole corn per head per day. A 1200 pound lactating brood cow consuming 31 pounds of good quality bahia or coastal hay along with 5 pounds of whole corn will have a ration of around 58% energy and close to 10% protein. This should more than meet the needs of a lactating cow and elevate their energy level to keep them in good condition.

All of these methods should work in helping to maintain your brood cow. A final note and reminder - make sure that they also have plenty of good quality hay available. Also make sure that there are no side effects such as overeating. All indications are that whole cottonseed is high enough in fat that it will help to limit feed itself.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 894-5596.

Richard L. Peicher, Associate County Agent

1994 Recommended Early Corn Varieties For Coffee County

(Listed in order of yield)

Brand Name-Hybrid	Yield Per Acre, Av. 3-Yr. Bu.
Zeneca 8315	128 (2 yr.)
Deltapine 4581	107
Deltapine G-4666	101
Pioneer 3245	98
Pioneer 3394	86

1994 Recommended Corn Varieties For Coffee County

(Listed in descending order of 3-year average yield)

Jacques 9220	108
AgraTech 888	107
Northing King S8645	106
Terra TK 1180	105
AgriGene AG 7935	105
Deltapine G-4666	104
Deltapine DP 5750	103
Deltapine DP 5750	102
Cargill 9027	99
Pioneer 3165	99

(White Hybrids)

Zimmerman 263W	153
Zimmerman 216W	139
Pioneer 3281W	135
Zimmerman 254W	131
Hy Performer HS 165W	145 (2 yr. test)
Hy Performer HS 185W	138 (2 yr. test)

(Irrigated Corn)

DeKalb DK 689	167
Jacques 9220	166
Deltapine G-4666	164
Hy Performer HS-9911	163
AgraTech 888	159
Deltapine DP 5750	159
AgriGene AG 7935	155
Terra TK 1180	155
Northing King N8727	150
Cargill 9027	147
Pioneer 3165	138
DeKalb DK 715	138
ND-7507	138
Pioneer 3165	135

This recommended list was taken from the Auburn University Corn Variety Trials. There are other corn varieties that may be equally as good, but they were not entered into these tests. If you have a corn variety that works well for you, I suggest that you use it, as well as try some of these other high yielding varieties. I think this list will be helpful to you in determining which corn varieties to plant.

Farmer's Co-Op Market Report

Reported by Alabama & U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
Ronnie Vaughan - (205) 897-6053

JAN. 11 & JAN. 12, 1993

ELBA MARKET	
Cattle & Calves	Hogs
Salable Receipts (Est.)..... 7	800
Week Ago (Actual)..... 11	642
Year Ago (Actual)..... 6	552

OPP MARKET	
Cattle & Calves	Hogs
Salable Receipts (Est.)..... 816	N/S
Week Ago (Actual)..... 401	N/S
Year Ago (Actual)..... 409	N/S

BREAKDOWN

HOGS (ELBA MKT ONLY): Compared to week ago, Barrows & Gilts: 2.00 Higher, US 1-3, 230-250lbs, 40.20-40.70; US 2-3, 200-220lbs, 34.00-36.00; 250-270lbs, 37.00-37.75. Sows: 1.00 Lower, US 1-3, 300-400lbs, 28.00-30.30; 400-500lbs, 30.00-32.00; 500-600lbs, 33.00-34.00. Feeder Pigs: 2.00 Lower, US 2-3, 25-50lbs, 50.00-58.00; 50-80lbs, 45.00-55.00. Boars: Steady, Over 300lbs, 22.50-24.00; Under 300lbs, 21.00-22.50.

CATTLE & CALVES (OPP MKT ONLY): Compared to week ago: Slaughter Cows: 2.00 Lower; Bulls: To Few; Feeder Calves: Steers: 2.00-3.00; Heifers: 1.00-2.00 Higher; Replacement or Feeder Cows: 2.00 Lower. **SLAUGHTER CLASSES:** Cows: Bon Uty 1-3, 42-25, 45-50; Cut 1-3, 40.00-42.00; Can/Low-Yielding, Cut 1-2, 35.00-39.00; Bulls: To Few. **FEEDER CLASSES:** STEERS: Med & Leg 1, 250-300lbs, 110.00-125.00; 300-350lbs, 107.00-117.00; 350-400lbs, 102.00-109.00; 400-450lbs, 95.00-103.00; 450-500lbs, 92.00-99.00; 500-550lbs, 84.00-89.00; 550-600lbs, 80.00-85.00; 600-650lbs, 76.00-80.00; 650-700lbs, 74.00-79.00; 700-750lbs, 72.00-76.00. Med & Leg 2, 250-300lbs, 95.00-105.00; 300-350lbs, 92.00-102.00; 350-400lbs, 88.00-96.00; 400-450lbs, 83.00-89.00; 450-500lbs, 80.00-87.00; 500-550lbs, 71.00-78.00; 550-600lbs, 70.00-75.00. **HEIFERS:** Med & Leg 1, 250-300lbs, 90.00-97.00; 300-350lbs, 87.00-93.00; 350-400lbs, 85.00-91.00; 400-450lbs, 80.00-86.00; 450-500lbs, 78.00-84.00; 500-550lbs, 74.00-79.00; 550-600lbs, 72.00-76.00; 600-650lbs, 70.00-74.50. Med & Leg 2, 300-350lbs, 75.00-82.00; 350-400lbs, 76.00-80.00; 400-450lbs, 72.00-78.00; 450-500lbs, 71.00-76.00. **COWS REPLACEMENT and/or FEEDERS:** Med 1-2, 900-1100lbs, 3.7 Yrs. 42.00-52.00; 900-1100lbs, Over 7 Yrs. 42.00-44.00. **COW & CALF PAIRS:** Med 1-2, 900-1100lbs Cows w/Calves Under 200lbs, 650.00-800; Sm 1-2, 700-900lbs Cows w/Calves Under 200lbs, 520.00-640.00; Med 1-2, 900-1100lbs Cows w/Calves 200-300lbs, 720.00-780.00; Sm 1-2, 700-900lbs Cows w/Calves 200-300lbs, 660.00-740.00; Med 1-2, 900-1100lbs Cows w/Calves 75-200lbs Brangus 1,000.00-1150.00. **BRED COWS:** Med 1-2, 3-5 Months, 450.00-650.00.

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No action taken on payroll tax

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

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City council cannot agree on counter offer to Mularz

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council tackled the matter of a possible settlement of the Ricky Mularz lawsuit Monday, but apparently could reach no agreement of a counter offer.

The council members met for over an hour in executive session. Council member Jimmy Vaughan, Upon returning to their open meeting, the council decided 3-3 on a motion by Council member John V. Sharpless to present a compromise cash offer to one received from Mularz's attorney, Sharpless' motion included the previous offers of returning as Recreation Director, etc., and a total cash payment of \$30,000. This would include back pay, retirement, vacation and sick leave plus all attorney fees.

Council member Bill Brunkman seconded the motion saying, "I feel the 3-3 vote was as follows: Sharpless, Bill Brunkman and Gladys Yelverton voted for the offer. Council members Brad Wilson and Earl McCollough voted no, while Mayor Ricky Haywood was consistent with his no vote on any settlement offer voted by the council.

Haywood then requested the council start taking applications for a recreation director. He said, "We need a recreation director of some sort very quickly in order to start purchasing equipment needed for our spring and summer team sports."

McCullough made a motion to accept applications next Tuesday afternoon between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. The position will be temporary recreation director that can become permanent. The motion first said the pay would be the same as Mularz was making and then after the actual vote, was modified to promise something in the neighborhood of that amount.

Brunkman twice questioned the intent of the motion and was assured it was only authorizing the taking of applications and wasn't authorizing to hire someone. The motion passed with only Sharpless voting against the action.

There was no discussion about, nor time set for, the council next meeting to discuss the hiring of a recreation director.

Power outage planned for Sunday morning

Electrical Supervisor Jeff Puckett of the Elba Water and Electric Department, has announced a planned power outage for Sunday morning.

Puckett said that the electrical outage for repairs will be in the area of Highway 84 West and will be Sunday morning from 7 until 9 a.m.

He noted that since the last meeting of the commissioners had surveyed his problem and agreed that something needed to be done. "We haven't found the money that we were trying to find - we're still looking," Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel told Burns.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks said, "We need to deal with the issue - it's embarrassing to me."

Commissioner Sid Averett proposed the forming of a building authority to deal with the health department expansion, the mapping and appraisal building and a new courthouse for Enterprise.

"Sooner or later - some of you don't believe that - we're going to build a new courthouse," said Averett. "When we do, we have got to have a building authority - that's the sure."

Brooks made a motion to that effect and it was seconded by Commissioner Averett.

During the discussion of the mapping and appraisal building, Commissioner Robert Stephens expressed concern that the forming of a building authority would take the matter out of the hands of the elected representatives of the people.

Bill Faulk stated that he was not prepared to vote on the matter at the present time.

The matter was tabled by a vote of 5 to 2.

Burns commented, "I feel like I'm being put off!"

Later in the day, after a noon recess, the commissioners voted to place in next year's budget funding for a new building to house the Mapping & Appraisal Department.

The proposed location of the building is that it will be constructed adjacent to the county highway department's building.

Turning to other business, Jerry Sizemore, a representative of the Commercial Waste Systems (EWS), addressed the commission. EWS is presently picking up county residents' garbage.

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MAN DIES IN ONE-VEHICLE WRECK. Jeffery Scott Costner, age 29, of Route 1, Arlinton, AL, lost his life when his Chevrolet S-10 pickup left the roadway and landed in a ravine. The accident was believed to have occurred late Friday night or early Saturday morning on Coffee County Road 239 in the Woodland Grove Community. Law enforcement officials were not notified of the accident until late Monday afternoon. There were no witnesses to the wreck. Reportedly, a youngster told his father about seeing a wrecked vehicle in a small branch on his way to school Monday morning. The young lad was riding a school bus. When the individual went to investigate, Costner's body was discovered. Upon arriving on the scene, Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies determined the identity of the wreck victim. In fact, Costner had been missing and a report filed with the Sheriff's office. Alabama State Trooper Willie White investigated the wreck. Assisting in the investigation were Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies, the District Attorney's Office, and Mark Day with the Alabama Department of Forensic Science. An autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause of Costner's death.

Chairman proposes straw vote on courthouse

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Near the end of the morning session of the Coffee County Commission meeting, Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel proposed a "straw poll" on the courthouse issue.

Creel told commissioners, "I have a proposal and I want everyone to listen closely to what I have to say."

Creel believes the poll would allow county residents to express their views concerning the courthouse issue and at the same time, commissioners could use the poll results in planning their next move.

Both Commissioners Bernest Brooks and Sid Averett were opposed to the placing of a poll on the ballot.

They felt that the legal process in accomplishing the one courthouse in Coffee County is too great an obstacle to overcome, should be the choice of the people. This view is not shared by many Coffee County residents.

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